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Letter dated 14 June 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement from the Office of the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, issued on 14 June 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement from the Office of the Prime Minister

The Council of Ministers of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, yesterday, 13 June 2000, discussed in depth the "Proposal for an Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities" as regards the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea, prepared by the Organization of African Unity.

During the Council of Ministers' meeting yesterday afternoon, the leader of the Ethiopian delegation to the proximity talks held in Algiers provided explanations on the proposal presented by the OAU.

Upon examining the OAU proposal for the cessation of hostilities, and after having heard the explanations provided by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Council of Ministers has accepted and endorsed the proposal, realizing that it complies with the principles and conditions enunciated earlier by Ethiopia. On this basis, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has sent a letter transmitting the decision of the Council of Ministers to the Current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

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